QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Affidavit of the Chief Minister in the High Court in respect of Communal Government Order.

*Q.—55. Sri R. M. PATIL (Navalgund).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether in a writ petition filed in this behalf in the High Court, the Chief Minister had offered his explanation on affidavit in respect of the propriety of this statement on the communal G.O. ;

(*b*) the steps they intend to take to decide the basis of qualification in respect of backward classes ?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) The Chief Minister's affidavit was not an explanation of the prepriety of any statement on the communal Government Order. The statement published in the Press was not about the communal Government Order at all but it was about the Cabinet decision to constitute a Committee for suggesting criteria for determination of backward communities.

(*b*) The matter is under active consideration.

Steps taken to supply essential articles at fair prices to public.

*Q.—72. Sri K. P. REVANNA SIDDAPPA (Tiptur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the rise in the prices of foodgrains ;

(*b*) the steps taken by them to make available such essential articles of life at fair prices and without difficulty to the public ?

A.—Sri K. F. PATIL (Minister for Forest and Transport).—

(*a*) The index Nos. of prices of foodgrains had been lower than the corresponding numbers for other essential commodities up to June 1958. From June 1958 onwards the rise in the prices of foodgrains has been steeper than the rise in prices of other commodities.

(*b*) Price control is an all-India problem and no unilateral action can be taken by the State Government. Arrangements have, however, been made for retail sale of rice, wheat, sugar and skimmed milk powder through fair price depots all over the State at fair prices fixed by the Government, with a view to stabilize the prices. The open market prices of foodgrains in this State are not higher than prices in the neighbouring States.

Production and Consumption of Sugar in the State.

*Q.—76. Sri A. J. DODDAMETI (Ron).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of tons of sugar produced annually in the Mysore State ;

(*b*) the quantity produced by each factory in the State ;

(*c*) the number of tons of sugar required for Mysore State ?

A.—Sri K. F. PATIL (Minister for Forest and Transport).—

(*a*) Varies from year to year. Estimated production for 1959–60 :— 89,300 tons.

		Tons
(*b*)	Mandya	29,000
	Hospet	15,000
	Ugar	12,800
	Munirabad	8,000
	Shimoga	2,500
	Kampli	12,000
	Pandavapura ...	10,030
	Total ...	89,000

(*c*) The actual consumption was as follows :—

		Tons
1956–57	... ...	81,000
1957–58	... ...	88,300